

grass ; the adorable *Soma* proceeds to  
the gods like  
a horse.

7. Eadiant, wise, flowing in separate  
streams, (the  
*Soma* descends) from the firmament ; the  
showerer  
offered at the three libations responds to the  
praises  
(of the worshippers) ; led in a thousand  
directions,  
coming and going, he shines at many a  
sunrise  
like one who sings praises (to the gods).

8. His ray \* creates a shining form ; at  
whatever  
battle it is present, it beats down the  
adversaries ;  
the giver of water goes with the oblation to  
the  
divine people, (it meets) with good praise:  
(*Soma*)  
is joined by (a hymn) demanding kine  
as the  
chief boon.

9. Like a bull approaching the  
herds (*Soma*)  
roars (as he approaches the praises): he  
appro-  
priates the lustre of the sun ;  
celestial, flying  
gracefully <sup>2</sup> he looks down upon the earth ; by  
his  
wisdom *Soma* contemplates mankind.

#### V. (LXXII.)

The *Rt'sJti* is H.VBIUAXTA of the race of ANGIEAS : the  
metre is

*Jagati.*

ViiTera 1. They cleanse the green-tinted  
(*Soma*): he is  
\\VII harnessed like a swift horse ; the *Soma* is  
combined

<sup>1</sup> S;iv;ma derives *rarna* from *rrī*, in the  
sense of keeping  
off, bi-aling Lack, "hLs ray repelling his foes."  
Compare verse2.

<sup>2</sup> *Rttjunnah* pn\*pcily means a hawk: Sayana  
takes it ety-  
mologically, *Mtjatanah*, and adds, "going  
gracefully, because  
it is carried off by *Gdyairi* in the shape of a